

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS BUDGET

From Manila Files Up to February 4.

MANILA, February 2.—The exposition and carnival open at 4 p. m. today. Following are extracts from the address of Hon. Chas. B. Elliott, secretary of commerce and police, at the opening:

"An individual, a community, a state, is capable of exerting but a certain definite amount of energy. The objects to which it is applied and the way in which it is distributed is the test of capacity for success.

"What is frittered away in talk and contention is stolen from planting and producing.

"The man with honestly won money in his pockets respects himself, and is respected by his neighbors. The indigent and improvident, who consumes more than he creates, can expect no more than tolerance from his neighbors.

"Individuals and peoples must adapt themselves to their physical and intellectual environment. What is required in one age and place is unnecessary and misapplied in another.

"In this twentieth century the test of capacity is the attitude toward economic questions. Those who think clearly and face facts are devoting but little energy to questions which, although alive and vital a few decades ago, are now but truisms and platitudes—the mental playthings of the immature.

"The fact that the people of the Philippine Islands are turning their attention to questions of production, manufacture and distribution, is evidence of their capacity for seeing and grasping opportunities.

"The auspicious opening of the first Philippine Industrial Exposition is an important event in the history of the islands. It is a visible evidence that the people have entered into the spirit of the present age, that they have joined for all time the ranks of the progressive."

Governor General W. Cameron Forbes will press a button at 4 p. m. today which will throw wide the gates of the fifth annual Manila carnival and the first Philippine Exposition. This will be the signal for a round of merry-making which will end only with the break of dawn a week from tomorrow morning.

After the opening ceremonies, which will be witnessed by a cosmopolitan crowd numbering into the hundreds, the governor general will deliver an appropriate address. Secretary C. B. Elliott and Assemblyman Eliseo Concepcion will also make short talks.

The opening of the grand Olympiad at 8 a. m. will be the first carnival attraction, but the premier event of the day will be the initial aeroplane flight of Lee Hammond from the stadium at 5 p. m. The grand parade starts at 7 p. m., and at the witching hour of 9 the popular masked ball will start the revelry in earnest. After that—Loco Lane and the DeLuge.

Against One Language Rule.
Frederick C. Fisher has written an article in the Philippine Law Review against the rigid rule of English only in the courts. He says in part:

"Under the law as it now stands the use of Spanish in our courts will be debarr'd, in theory, at the end of the present year. I say, in theory, because practically things are bound to go on much as they do now. It is not at all likely that any of the older members of the Filipino bench and bar who have not learned English up to the present will have done so by the time the new rule is to take effect. Consequently, it will be but a barren privilege to the American lawyer to be permitted to file his pleadings and briefs in the English language, with the knowledge that the judge who is supposed to read them does not understand a word of that language. And that is precisely the situation as a matter of fact, for with one or two exceptions none of the Filipino judges have a reliable reading knowledge of English. The result will be that the American attorney, after the first of next year, in several of the lower courts, will be compelled to file one set of pleadings and briefs in English, to comply with the law, and another in Spanish so that the judge may know what he is trying to say. He will have to do the same thing in the Supreme Court if he desires the judgment of the full bench on his case."

Provincial Bank Bill.
The project of the Association de Economica de Filipinas for establishing local banks throughout the islands was presented last night by Assemblyman Espridion Guanco, chairman of the committee on banks and corporations, and was approved by the entire assembly. The purpose of the bill is to start small banks in the important towns in the provinces, as well as to open up new fields of effort for the Filipino people. It is constructive in character, and designed to meet one of the most urgent needs of the islands.

The bill asks for an appropriation of P1,000,000, one-quarter of which is to be used annually, and then only upon presentation of proof that an institution as provided for in the law

has been incorporated, and the capital fully paid up.

"To be a director in one of the banks which it is the purpose of this bill to create, one must be a stockholder to the extent of P5000. The number of directors of a bank shall not exceed five.

After ten years, the money loaned by the government for the purpose of assisting a new bank from the fund which this bill creates, shall be returned. Banks may open for business with a local capitalization of P50,000, which will mean a grand opportunity for Filipinos of means, should the bill pass the commission.

A Government Deadlock.
MANILA, February 2.—A deadlock between the commission and Assembly over the appropriation bill resulted last night and lasted until early in the morning, each branch of the legislature holding out for its bill to be adopted.

Governor General Forbes has issued a proclamation calling a special session of the Philippine legislature for four days after the official ending of the present session. The additional days to be used to clean up the mass of legislative work awaiting the action of the commission and Assembly are Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

Each day the governor general will assign to the legislature such subjects as may be dealt with in each of its branches during the special session.

Teddy Wins Mock Election.

Theodore Roosevelt, former chief executive of the United States, is a strong favorite with Manila voters for re-election to the Presidency to succeed President William Howard Taft on March 4, 1912. In the test election held last night at the cigar kiosk of Walter E. Olsen & Co. on the Escolta, Roosevelt polled more votes than all other candidates in the field. Out of the 139 votes cast Roosevelt drew 71.

Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, was the favorite among the Democratic nominees and polled the second highest vote. Wilson's supporters gave him 29 votes. Senator Robert M. La Follette, leader of the insurgents, and President Taft ran a dead heat with twelve ballots each. Speaker Champ Clark, the Missouri gavel wielder of the House of Representatives, nosed out Senator Cummins of Iowa, getting four votes to the senator's three. Governor Harmon of Ohio was second among the Democrats with seven votes. William Jennings Bryan, editor of the Commonwealth and recurring presidential candidate, had a following of one from among the "illy white" territorial Democrats.

Exposition Fund.

The bill providing for an appropriation of P500,000 to cover the cost of an exposition of Philippine products at the Panama Pacific Exposition in San Francisco in 1915, has been passed by the Commission.

Chinese Deportation.

The Assembly has passed a bill repealing the authority given during the last special session in Baguio to the Governor General to deport Chinese persons.

The Assembly committee presenting the bill explains that it finds on further consideration that it was wrong in its action and takes this step to amend it.

Appropriation Bill.

At a late hour last night the Assembly approved its general appropriation bill for the support of the government during the fiscal year 1912. The bill was approved without discussion, something entirely new to appropriation legislation in the Assembly. The bill as passed provides P21,585,822 for the support of all branches of the government service.

A special appropriation bill for the bureau of public works setting aside P3,333,265, was passed and sent to the Commission. This bill was also approved with practically no discussion. The projects which will be authorized if the bill becomes law and the money to be used are as follows: P150,000 to commence construction work on the capital of the Philippine Islands; P150,000 for hospital buildings in Manila and Cullion Leprosy colony, bureau of health; P1,350,000, roads, bridges and artesian wells; various sums for ports works of the bureau of navigation at Port Galera, Dagupan, Aparri, Pandan, Calbayog, Bicol river, Agusan river, and elsewhere; P35,000 for painting and repairs at the bureau of prisons and construction of a new school building; P387,500 for school buildings of the bureau of education; and P200,000 for a new custom house at Iloilo.

Delegate Clarin introduced a bill in the Assembly which fixes the price of rice from the government plant, making it the same to the general public as to government employees.

Justice Johnson Acquitted.

MANILA, February 1.—"We would not allow the sun to set upon this day's session of the court without having issued the necessary orders for the institution of criminal proceedings against him (Justice Johnson), if we had any reason to believe that

there are any grounds for the criminal charges set forth in the complaint."

In such language the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands unanimously disposed of one of the most unique cases in the history of the judiciary of the United States or the Philippine Islands, and closes an incident which stirred Manila to its depths several months ago when Justice E. Finley Johnson, associate justice of the supreme court, was made defendant in a suit for damages which contained sensational allegations of official misconduct.

The suit grew out of a former case which was heard by the Supreme Court and decided against the plaintiffs, Emelia Alzua and Ignacio Arnalot, who several months later entered suit against Justice Johnson for actual and punitive damages aggregating P115,000, alleging in their complaint that the defendant had substituted the word "affirmed" for the word "reversed" in the decision of the Supreme Court, in passing upon the decision of the lower court, without the knowledge or consent of the other members of the court who subscribed their names to the decision, thereby losing the suit to them.

In absolving Justice Johnson from any wrong act in changing the type-written word after the court's decision had been signed, the Supreme Court in its decision handed down yesterday discusses at length many practices of the court which are made necessary by the great volume of business handled by it every year. It seems that the decision involved in this action was a "short decision," not accompanied by the usual lengthy discussion of the case. It was signed on the last day before the vacation adjournment of the court, and the error was discovered the following day by Judge Johnson, who was acting as vacation judge, and changed without delay, for the purpose, according to Justice Johnson, of seeing that the wishes of the court be not defeated by a clerical error.

Cavalry Uses New Road.

Marching from Camp McGrath, Batangas, on January 26, the 8th Cavalry came overland to Manila and arrived at Camp Malcon on the port district yesterday coming at 11:30 a. m. in command of Colonel Henry P. Kingsbury. The regiment proceeded from Batangas to Lipa, thence to Tanaun, Calamba, Montilupa, Las Pinas, to Manila.

The 8th Cavalry is the first organization to use the new road constructed by the bureau of public works between Montilupa and Las Pinas. The command was equipped for the field. All cavalry mounts not seriously disabled were taken with the regiment on the march. All officers of Camp McGrath accompanied the regiment except Major T. S. Bratton, medical corps, Captain G. E. Stockle, and Veterinarian H. F. Steel, 8th Cavalry.

Aeroplane Shed Contract.

Award of the contract for the construction of an aeroplane shed at Fort William McKinley has been made by the chief quartermaster of the division, Fort Santiago. The contract went to Delmar Smith-Clinton, whose bid of P. 1578 was accepted. The contract stipulates that the work is to be completed within thirty days from date of award.

Aeroplane has been shipped from the United States by the war department to the signal corps and is believed to be aboard the U. S. A. T. Sheridan. It will be housed in the hangar at Fort McKinley.

Great Court Cleanup.

CEBU, January 23.—For the first time in the history of this city there is no case pending on the calendar of crime for the court of first instance.

At the time that Fiscal Andres Barromeo began as public prosecutor in 1909 on the arrival of Judge Wislizenus, there were fifteen hundred cases pending, some of them dating right back to 1903. Today there are none; all that is on record are some few cases that have been completed and now await sentence. This gives Cebu a clean criminal calendar for the first time in her history. It also speaks volumes for the work that has been done here, for to take the date of January 1909 to Dec. 1911, and know that 1500 cases have been cleared off the calendar in that time, it means that the court has worked off an average of three cases a day in addition to its ordinary work.—Cebu Chronicle.

"Impantation" of Igorots.

MANILA, January 31.—The sight of "geestrings" of Igorots on the streets of the city has given rise among a number of Filipinos to a wave of moral reform, and as a result the Governor General has instructed Commissioner Worcester to put pants on his Igorots during the time they are here with the Philippine Exposition.

On Monday a number of delegates dined with the Governor General at Malacanang and after the "big cats" Delegate Joaquin Balnori, the moralist of the Assembly, broached the subject of the Igorots and other members of non-Christian tribes coming

to Manila to exhibit themselves to the public.

Two objections were raised, first that the people were to be "exhibited" and second that they were not decently dressed.

The Governor General promptly disposed of the first objection by explaining that the non-Christians had come with the things they brought to Manila to exhibit and sell and that they had not come as exhibits themselves.

At the second objection the Governor General disposed of it by ordering the clothing of any of the what might be taken as a standard of native decency.

Quartermaster's Reform.

MANILA, January 28.—Major General J. Franklin Bell, division commander, has approved the recommendation of Colonel I. W. Littell, chief quartermaster of the Philippine Division, that the offices of the War Transport Quartermaster and Depot Quartermaster be consolidated. The work of both will then be administered by one office, to be known as the office of the Depot Quartermaster. The consolidation will be made on July 1, 1912.

Colonel Littell's plan of consolidation will greatly reduce paper work and correspondence, requiring only one set of records. Shipment of supplies will be expedited and the transaction of public business simplified. Division officials estimate that a financial saving of P75,000 a year will result from the consolidation, the reduction in pay for clerical forces alone amounting to approximately P20,000 per annum.

Commerce and Police.

MANILA, January 27.—The annual report of Secretary Charles B. Elliott, department of commerce and police, was received from the bureau of printing yesterday, containing a report of the work for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, for the bureau of consular, public works, navigation, ports, coasts and geodetic survey, and labor, and the offices of the consulting architect and supervising railway expert, together with the general supervision of all corporations other than building and loan associations, banks, and trust companies, which are under his executive control.

Secretary Elliott authorized and licensed 109 new corporations to do business in the Philippines, during the fiscal year, of which number thirteen were foreign and ninety-six domestic. The total number of corporations doing business was foreign 221, and domestic, 377, of which ninety-seven were nonstock, and twenty-four religious corporations.

With the marked improvement in the efficiency of line officers in the constabulary during recent years, there has been no compensating increase in the standard of pay. Secretary Elliott therefore recommends that the pay of captains be advanced from P3,400 to P3,600 per annum, that of first lieutenants be established at P2,400 during their first two years, and at the expiration of that time increased to P2,800, the grade of third lieutenant to be abolished.

Public Works Shakeup.

MANILA, January 25.—Director Warwick Greene, of the bureau of public works, announced yesterday that he has approved a general shakeup in the personal property division and Novalde lumber yard of the bureau, in order to secure a more efficient and economical administration of these important branches of his bureau.

As a result of the investigation instituted by the auditor at the request of Director Greene, the fact has been learned that several of the property division employees have been very careless and inefficient in their work and accountability.

Because of this inefficiency dismis-

sals have been ordered and resignations accepted by the director for nineteen of the property division employees. Five of the men dropped are Americans and the remaining fourteen are Filipinos. No criminal negligence has been found against the men and there will accordingly be no prosecutions ordered.

With reference to his action in the matter, Director Greene said to the Cablenews-American:

"Conditions have not been satisfactory for several years in this branch of the bureau and the management of it not efficient as I would like to have it. The present investigation of the insular auditor was requested in order to enable us to reorganize the property division on a proper basis."

Tail Docking Prohibited.

MANILA, January 24.—From April 1 next docking horses' tails in any part of the Philippines will be a crime and punishable by fine or imprisonment or both. The proposed bill introduced into the Assembly by Delegate Grajo and passed without amendment and sent to the Commission, has been approved by that body with the sole amendment that it shall become effective April 1 instead of January 1 as provided.

The law not only prohibits the docking of horses' tails locally but the importation of horses with their tails so treated. It moreover imposes a tax of four pesos a year on all horses that have been so treated.

Farewell to Admiral Mertz.

CAVITE, February 2.—A brilliant farewell reception and luncheon was given at the Army and Navy Club at one o'clock this afternoon, in honor of Rear-Admiral Albert Mertz, U. S. N., by officers of the Navy and Marine Corps. The hall was beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion, and the music of the orchestra attuned to the spirit of honor and respect felt toward Admiral Mertz, lent enchantment to the gathering. Place cards neatly designed with a pen-and-ink sketch of an American dreadnought, flying the homeward-bound pennant, were placed at the different places. The following officers were in attendance:

Rear-Admiral Mertz, U. S. N., Captain Magruder, U. S. N., Naval Constructor Walsh, U. S. N., Major Porter, U. S. M. C., Col. Dickens, U. S. M. C., Paymaster Potter, U. S. N., Paymaster Hatch, U. S. N., Paymaster Spear, U. S. N., Chaplain Frazier, U. S. N., Dr. Blackwood, U. S. N., Dr. Webb, U. S. N., Dr. Butler, U. S. N., Dr. Jones, U. S. N., Captain Turner, U. S. M. C., Captain Parryear, U. S. M. C., Lieut. Woodruff, U. S. N., Lieut. Sears, U. S. N., Lieut. Thatcher, U. S. N., Paymaster Dobson, U. S. N., Paymaster Chatterton, U. S. N., Ensign Cunningham, U. S. N., Ensign McWharther, U. S. N., Ensign Fashley, U. S. N., Ensign Van de Carr, U. S. N., Ensign Yates, U. S. N., Ensign McMurray, U. S. N.

Admiral Mertz, for the past two years, has been Commandant of the Naval Stations, Cavite and Hongkong, and will depart on the Manchuria Sunday morning for the United States. During his duty at these stations, Admiral and Mrs. Mertz have won the esteem and respect of all with whom they have come in contact, and their departure marks an event of deep regret on the part of the many friends they have made in the islands.

LEAP YEAR WORRIES

BRITISH BACHELORS

LONDON, February 12.—British bachelors are a bit "off" on their food on account of leap year anxieties.

"I am hesitating on the brink of matrimony," writes one. "I have not made up my mind concerning a certain young woman, and see no pros-

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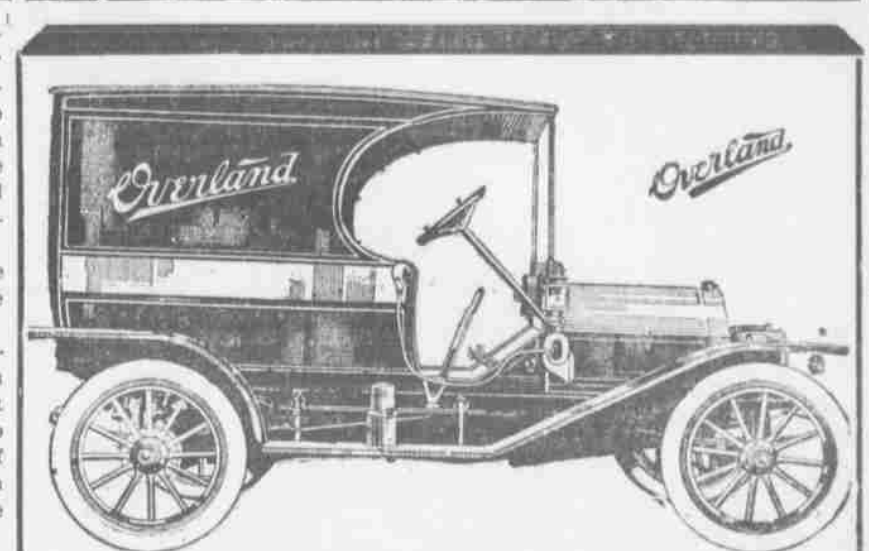
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pect of my becoming fixed one way or the other before the last day of this month, when we attend a leap year ball. Suppose while at the dance the young woman exercises her traditional privilege and proposes to me; what course is there open for me to take, since I am not quite certain of my feelings? I cannot say yes, and yet, if I decline I shall probably lose all future chance of asking her to be my wife." The editor to whom this cry of distress is raised refers the problem to his readers.

Julius Caesar is said to have been the inventor of leap year, although St. Patrick is credited with the decree that on the extra February day women should have the right to make matrimonial proposals.

ADHESIVE PLASTER PUT

OVER CHILDREN'S MOUTHS

URBANA, Ill., February 15.—In the investigation today of reports of cruelty practiced in the local orphan's home, a Methodist institution, it was

FURNACE OWNERS FEAR

NATIONAL COAL STRIKE.

GLASGOW, Scotland, February 15.—A reflex of the threatened national coal strike, which will go into effect February 23, unless in the meantime the owners accept the principle of a minimum wage for all men and boys employed underground, is seen today in notices given by the blast furnace owners throughout Scotland to their workmen.

The contracts of the workmen are thus terminated on February 23. The furnace owners are of the opinion that a national coal strike is inevitable. It will affect about 800,000 men.

Coronation King George, Opera House, Tuesday. Book now. Promotion Committee Rooms. \$1, 50c, 25c.